

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/772,190

Examiner

Anish Desai

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/05/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>02/05/07</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed on 02/05/07 after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/05/07 has been entered.
2. Claims 1-20 are cancelled. Claims 1-6 are cancelled via Examiner's Amendment (see below) and claims 7-20 are cancelled by the Applicant in the amendment submitted on 02/05/07. Claim 21 is allowed.
3. All of the previously made art rejections are withdrawn.
4. A preliminary amendment to the specification (including the abstract) received on 02/14/05 is reviewed and entered.
5. Drawings submitted on 02/04/04 and 02/14/05 are accepted.

Examiner's Amendment

6. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Yen Tong Florczak on 04/10/07.

The application has been amended as follows: Claims 1-6 are cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

7. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach the presently claimed limitation of "a second cover layer having an outer face and an inner face...the second paperless zone on the front side of the paper layer."

The most pertinent prior art is US 3,517,106 to Chase. Chase teaches methods and materials for mounting illustrations, clippings, pictures and the like in accurate position on mounting boards, picture-album pages, and like support (column 1, lines 13-16). Chase discloses a paper web (W) coated on both sides with a pressure sensitive adhesive (A) and a release sheet that is made of easily separable sections IR and ER (Fig 1 and 2 of Chase and page 3 of 08/09/06 Office Action). The release sheet of Chase is equated to the paper layer as claimed and the pressure sensitive adhesive coated paper web W of Chase is equated to a cover layer having the pressure sensitive adhesive disposed on its inner face as claimed (see page 4 of 08/09/06 Office Action).

Chase does not teach or suggest a second cover layer having a pressure sensitive adhesive disposed on its inner face. Additionally, Chase does not teach or suggest that the pressure sensitive adhesive on the inner face of the second cover layer is exposed across the second paperless zone on the front side of the paper layer. One skilled in the art would not have been motivated to add an additional cover layer with a pressure sensitive adhesive on top of the release sheet of Chase because to do so would destroy its intended utility.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-6467. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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